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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from March 10, 2000 to June 12, 2000 (June 10, 2000 being a Saturday) by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17) is believed to be \$435.00 for a three month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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